PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair, every question you are asking on this matter is with the presumption that you are in possession of the reports of every officer of Government. That is not right. The proper question under such circumstances would be "what did such and such officer report" and elicit information from the Government member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has made any report upon this proposal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information, Sir.

Satram for Muslims at the Cape.

387 ✻ **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a new *satram* for the use of Muslims has been sanctioned at Cape Comorin;

(*b*) if so, where it is to be located;

(*c*) the reason for establishing a *satram* for Muslims now;

(*d*) whether there has been a demand for it;

(*e*) whether admission is denied to Muslims in the *satram* that is now in existence;

(*f*) whether there are *satrams* anywhere in Travancore exclusively for a special caste or community; and

(*g*) whether they propose to build *satrams* for all the major communities of the State at Cape Comorin?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) There are *satrams* open only to caste-Hindus.

(*g*) There is a proposal to construct a *satram* for non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus at Cape Comorin.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With reference to the answer to part (*f*), my question is "whether there are *satrams* anywhere in Travancore exclusively for a special caste or community" and the answer is "There are *satrams* open only to caste-Hindus". That is not an answer to my question. I want an answer to my question.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Those *satrams* are not open to others. The answer is that there are *satrams* open only to caste-Hindus.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): My question is whether there are *satrams* exclusively for a special caste or community. I want an answer 'yes' or 'no' to that question.

PRESIDENT: I believe the answer means, if there is any meaning at all, that there are *satrams* which are exclusively reserved for caste-Hindus alone.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May be. There may be *satrams* reserved to one community.

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is no *satram* reserved for any particular community.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With reference to part (*d*) of the answer, may I know when the demand for a *satram* for Muslims was made?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The application was made on the 21st Meenom 1110.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether any demand was made by any other community?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) The demand was made by the Muslim community.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): My question was whether demand was made by any community other than Muslims.

PRESIDENT: The Dewan knows it better.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I do not remember to have received application from any other community.

PRESIDENT: The President is surprised by that answer. Was not a demand made by the depressed classes?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know how many *satrams* shere are at the Cape both Governmental as well as non-Governmental?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I know there is a Government *satram*. About the non-Government *satrams*, I am not aware.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government are aware of any non-Government *satrams* at the Cape?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from Government whether the question of throwing open *satrams* reserved for caste-Hindus to all communities was considered by Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The question is being considered by Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question is whether any conclusion has been arrived at with regard to the throwing open of *satrams* to all communities?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are taking action for throwing open such *satrams*.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In that case, may I know why there should be new *satrams* constructed for particular communities?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No new *satram* has been opened for any particular community.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In answer to part (*g*), it is stated that there is a proposal to construct a *satram* for non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus at Cape Comorin. In that case, may I know why, when there is a proposal to throw open the *satrams* to all communities, there should be a proposal to construct a *satram* for a particular community?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The *satram* proposed tc be constructed is not meant for a special community. It is proposed to open that to all communities.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : But in the answer it is stated that it is proposed to construct a *satram* for non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus. Am I to understand that that answer is incorrect ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Incorrect to that extent. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether it is the accepted policy of Government to remove untouchability and un-approachability as far as possible ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is a question on the policy of Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether the Government have taken into consideration that aspect of the matter *viz.*, that the removal of untouchability and un-approachability is a necessity ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Such matters are also being considered.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know what harm there is in throwing open the present *satram* to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus ?

PRESIDENT : I do not think that question arises.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*g*), may I know whether there has been a demand for a *satram* from non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I said there was a demand from the Muslim community.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : In the answer it is stated that, on account of a demand from the Muslim community, it is proposed to construct a *satram* at Cape. May I know whether there was such a demand from non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government did not want to open a *satram* entirely for the Muslim community.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : That is not my question. My question is, with reference to part (*g*), whether there was a demand from non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus for a *satram*.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It appears there was no particular demand except from the Muslim community.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Then may I know what was it that prompted Government to construct a separate *satram* for these communities ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : When Government decided to open a new *satram* at the Cape, they said that it should be open to all.

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MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether *satrams* open to non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus are not open to all?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are open to all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware that the representatives of the depressed classes have applied for a separate *satram* for them at the Cape?

PRESIDENT: The Secretary does not seem to know that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the Government aware of such representations?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware

PRESIDENT: A site was even inspected by the Dewan.

Kidangannoor V. P. School.

388 ❋ **MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Education Department has raised the Kidangannoor V. P. School to a V. M. School;

(*b*) if so, when, and for how many years has the raised V. M. School been conducted;

(*c*) how many pupils there were, during such year or years, in Class IV of that school;

(*d*) what all classes were conducted at that time;

(*e*) the reason why such a school was put a stop to;

(*f*) how many pupils there are in Class IV of that school now (8-8-1111); and

(*g*) whether there is any other complete V. P. School in Kidangannoor *kara*?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) i. Chingam 1092.

ii. 4 years and 11 months.

(*c*) 1092 ... 35 pupils
1093 ... 37 pupils
1094 ... 30 pupils
1095 ... 40 pupils
1096 ... 40 pupils.

(*d*) Classes I to VI.

(*e*) For want of sufficient strength.

(*f*) 32.

(*g*) No.

Inspection of Vaidyasalas.

389. ❋ **MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of *Vaidyasalas* inspected by the Inspector of Ayurveda, with dates;

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